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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation yesterday January 10, 2006 regarding the false Abandonment of the above-mentioned application. Enclosed please find copies of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b) which was filed on October 9, 2002 in the U.S. Patent Office. Also enclosed is a copy of the returned postcard for this application as proof that the document in question was indeed received in the U. S. Patent Office.

Please notify us as soon as this application is re-instated and the Abandonment has been removed. We would also like to know when we may expect to receive the printed patent for this application.

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Docket No.: GR 98 P 4106

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By: Date: October 4, 2002IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Peter Hildebrandt et al.  
Applic. No. : 09/322,715  
Filed : May 28, 1999  
Title : Coupling Device  
Examiner : Sarah Song - Art Unit: 2874

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The facts leading to this petition are as follows:

Applicants received a *Notice of Abandonment* dated September 24, 2002, in the above-identified application. According to the aforesaid notice, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, applicants had allegedly not paid the issue fee by the due date of August 16, 2002.

However, applicants did pay the issue fee on August 16, 2002. A copy of the postcard showing the filing date in the Patent Office is enclosed. Form 85 B (issue fee transmittal) bore a mailing certificate under 37 CFR 1.8, which was properly executed on that date.

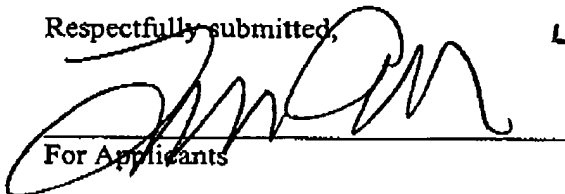
Enclosed herewith, in accordance with Rule 8(b), is a copy of the previous mailing.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request that the *Notice of Abandonment* be rescinded and that the application be restored to pending status.

I hereby declare that the foregoing facts have been stated on a personal knowledge basis and that the above-noted paper was submitted timely in accordance with the rules and regulations. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the application be reinstated.

Respectfully submitted,



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